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CITY MANAGER ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENTS OF NEW ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER FOR OPERATIONS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER

City Manager Valerie A. Lemmie today announced the appointments of Deborah Holston as the City's new Assistant City Manager for Operations and Meg Olberding as the City's new Public Information Officer. Both positions are part of the reorganization plan approved by Council as part of the 2003-04 Biennial Budget.

Ms. Holston currently serves as the State Coordinator for the North Carolina State Office of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. She has previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Single Family Housing at HUD headquarters in Washington, and as Vice President and Director of Community Development Lending for Bank One. As the Assistant City Manager for Operations, she will have primary responsibility for providing management and coordination to front-line City service agencies and will provide leadership to the City's community development functions. Ms. Holston will assume her duties as the Assistant City Manager for Operations on February 23, 2003 at a salary of \$118,000.

"I'm confident that Deborah's extensive work in government, particularly with housing issues, will prove to be a real asset to the City as we work to improve delivery of basic City services and find creative ways to make our neighborhoods safer, cleaner, and more livable," said City Manager Lemmie.

Ms. Olberding currently serves as the Executive Director of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, where she oversees community relations, marketing and communications, strategic planning, and sponsorship recruitment. She has previously served as the Director of Marketing Communications and Director of Public Relations for the Cincinnati Museum Center and is a graduate of Xavier University. Ms. Olberding will assume her new duties as the City's Public Information Officer on March 3, 2003 at a salary of \$90,000. Ms. Olberding will be responsible for coordinating the City's communication strategy, communications with the Community and media outlets on City projects, and helping to develop a positive image for the City.

"Meg's experience in public relations, especially in Cincinnati, will help us to communicate more efficiently and effectively with citizens about the vibrant community we have here," said Lemmie.

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